GAYSPEAK

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

OCTOBER, 1986

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER THE PPGCC WILL BE HOLDING A MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL FOR A SINGLE MEMBERSHIP.THE COST WILL BE 7.OO PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE CENTER.WITH MORE HELP FROM YOU. WE CAN PRODUCE MORE HELP FOR YOU.

THANK YOU
ALLAN L. WAKEFIELD
SOCIAL DIRECTOR PPGCC

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• VOTE •

Elections

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

JOSEPH V. BRADY

I am running for the position of Vice President of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center because I want to see the Center continue as a strong and viable force in the community. I have been active in the Colorado Springs Gay community for the past seventeen years, serving as president of the Gay Relief Fund and of PPGCC. My priority is seeing that the Colorado Springs AIDS Project begins with a strong foundation and builds upon that to handle the coming crisis.

TO:SECRATARY:BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

FROM: DAN CRAIG

Please acceptthis letter as my intent to run for office of president of the board of directors,for the pikes peak gay community center.

QUALIFICATIONS:

I have served as president of the board of directors,to the pikes peak gay community center for the past year.A year filled with growth, activity, fun, achievments,and contaversy.

In the past year we've seen the housing of P.P.G.C.C. Move to a new location, doubling the size of our office space and offering meeting space for five differant organizations,and support groups.

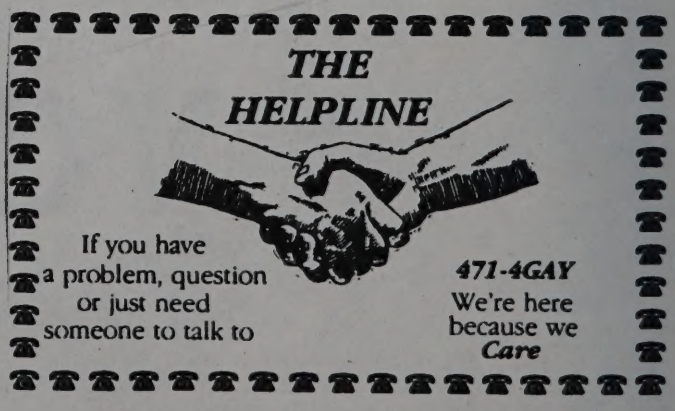
In the past year the center has been active in six fundraisers,not all a financial success, but each a success in bringing a community a little closer together. The center has seen new birth to the existing P.F.L.A.G. (parents and friends of lesbians and gays),curently meeting monthly and recruiting family and friends(do you have any)?

A new support group "step one"is now being sponsored by the center. Step One deals with coming out and/or being out in each aspect of an individuals life. Progress in direction of aids support and services has been attempted but fell to the way side due to lack of volunteers. steps are currently under way to work tighter with other organizations in an effort to see some support and services materialize in our community.

As a candidate to serve your center another year,it is my dreams to see a community still multiply by the hundreds;to see a mailing list once again double,or triple,andto see the center become a place where people congragate,and meet all the other people we already call friends.

sincerely
DAN CRAIG

Treasurer--Bernard L. McNamara, (current treasurer). Desires to see the Community Center continue to operate efficiently and to expand its activities. QUALIFICATIONS--CPA Certificate from the State of Michigan; 25 years experience in the accounting field.



TO THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER;

I would like to make it known that I Brad Reynolds wish to run and hold the office of Helpline Coordinator,in the October 25th 1986 elections.

I feel that the Helpline is a valuable assett to the Gay Community.Not only to the closet Gays,and parents,trying to obtain information about what is happing to them.But a continually updated phone line on A.I.D.S. and counseling for those in the time of need.Both moral and and mental support is needed by everyone at sometime in life.and if we develope a strong counseling group and a healthy phone "HELPLINE" we may help or even save lifes of many people who have no where else to turn to or no one to help them.We need to show the community that we are concerned about each one of them,and in return the center will see overwhelming support from the community.

I am presently serving as Grand Duke of the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado.I also feel that with the counseling I have done in the past,And still very much involved,and interested in.I would be able to carry out the duties of the Helpline Coordinator.I will develop a strong support service to the community.This is The decade of a new beginning,and I hope and pray that we can make a great year,for all of us to be proud of.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BRAD REYNOLDS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

It is my desire to inform the Board OF Directors of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center of my intent to seek the elected position of helpline coordinator in the upcoming October elections.

I feel the Gay Helpline has the potential to provide a vital service to the Gay Community,as well as to the community at large,through an active and distributed use of information,resource and communication.

If elected to the position of Helpline Coordinator,my objectives will be as follows:

1)To build and reorganize the helpline volunteer staff,as as to provide both time and people to be available to receive incoming calls and return all calls received via the answering machine,on a daily basis.

2)To update all information and resource pertinent to the Gay Community,in order to felicitate a better structure upon which to perform helpline service.

3)To train,retrain and maintain a concerned,diplomatic,active,and dependable volunteer staff,by providing informitive and challenging monthly helpline meetings,in which each volunteer will have the oppertunity for a better understanding of the helpline service,as well as for more sensitive,personal growth through their service to the Helpline.

4)To develop a working concern and sensitivity to all callers,both in the Gay Community and in the Community at large.

5)in addition,I would like to build toward a larger outreach program and service in areas vital to the concerns of the Gay Community; such as health,religion,and growth relationships.

My overall objective is to build and strengthen through service and encouragement;ant be open to and alert to growin need for personal communication and understanding.

I have worked in areas of Coordination within the Catholic Church,school and retreat areas.I have an interest in people and their concerns and needs.I also feel many times people turn to "Helplines" in a desperate need to be recognized as an individual.and a strong conviction that we are placed wherever we are in order to affirm and encourage each other.

sincerely

LAURA HUGHES

2ND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Let me first thank all of you that were involved.The participation this year was great.Attendance could have been better,however we were unable to give it the push that we did last year.My apologies for that.The important accomplishment in my eyes,was the display of a community ready for unity.

While I speak of unity,I would also like to announce that I will be a candidate for the Social Director of Pikes Peak Gay Community Center on election day Oct,25th 1986.My primary goal will be unity.IN getting this done I hope to get to know all of you a little better.I feel absolutely confident that I am man for this position.For those of you that know me,I ask for your support, in the up coming election.For those of you that don't know me,well what can I say.I have a reputation of seeing a job threw to the finish,regardless of pains,and disappointments.I have been a hard worker in this community for eight years.I am not without mistakes, but humble enough to admit them.I feel that I have developed a reputation of one that will fight for the rights of my brothers and sisters,and I also feel that this will be a rough year for all of us.Rather then run to my closet and close the door,I will run for elections and be your Social director.

one for all and all for one
THANK YOU

ALLAN L. WAKEFIELD
SOCIAL DIRECTOR P.P.G.C.C.

Community Groups and Services

"Count Me In" - (Women's support group) Thursday's 7:30 - 9:00. pm.
Dignity - (Catholic support group) Every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous - Monday and Friday at 8:00 pm., at the Community Center
Gay Helpline - Mon - Fri 6:00 to 9:00 pm., Sat. 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Call 471-4GAY.
Gay Narcotics Anonymous - Wednesday's at 8:00 pm. At the Community Center.
Helpline Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm., at the Community Center (all welcome)
Imperial Court of Southern Colorado - For information call 471-7468.
Lesbian Support Group - Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
Maranatha M.C.C. - (Church) Sunday Service at 10:30 am. at the Community Center.
Network - 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month. 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
"Out and About" - Not meeting during the summer months.
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays - 1st Tuesday of the month, call 635-7917 for info.
P.P.G.C.C. Board Meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm., at the Community Center. Open to all members.
Pikes Peak M.C.C. - (Church) Sunday Service, 5:00 pm., at 730 North Tejon. Call 634-3771 for info.
Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic - 510 N. Foote, call 636-0147 for info.
"Step I" - (Coming out support group) Men and Women, all ages. Call the Helpline for info.
Speakers Bureau - Call the Helpline for info.

For further information regarding the groups above, call 471-4GAY.

Parents and Friends of Gays

P.F.L.A.G. meets the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Call 635-7917 for location or for more information.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC
501North Foote
Just North of Memorial Hospital
NOMINAL FEE
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
Minors treated WITHOUT parents' consent.
CALL 578-3148

The AIDS antibody test is not voluntary in Colorado Springs. Two major hospitals, Penrose and St. Francis, do not have a policy of requiring knowledge and informed consent for the HIV / HTLV-III antibody test. Members of the gay community have gone to the emergency rooms of these hospitals for unrelated illnesses or injuries and have been tested without their knowledge or consent. The patients were not informed of the results of the lab tests until they asked for them, and they did not discover they had been tested until receiving an itemized bill. In one case the patient was told he was positive for the virus antibody and had been reported to the State Board of Health as an AIDS carrier, when in actuality he had not been reported and the result was a false positive, later confirmed negative by further testing.

These hospitals apparently administer the test to anyone they know or suspect to be gay. They do not ask questions about sexual preference. They do not offer any counseling for the people they have tested. They do not protect confidentiality as they freely give results over the telephone.

This lack of a policy of consent in our hospitals means if you are injured or ill, you may be tested even if you ask not to be tested, and reported to the state under your real name, completely without your knowledge. A member of the Pike's Peak Gay Community Center who was given the test at Penrose Hospital without his knowledge has retained a lawyer to fight for a policy of knowledge and informed consent for the HIV / HTLV-III antibody test at Penrose, the hospital that sets the precedent for El Paso county. If you have been tested for the HIV or HTLV-III antibody without your knowledge and/or consent in Colorado Springs please contact Attorney Tyler Makepeace at 632-6644. He is trying to organize a class action suit.

DIGNITY IS;

In DIGNITY we share our ministry with gay/lesbians and friends who look to various groups like ours for guidance and healing.

Our group does not ignore the awesome responsibility to the Catholic church, instead it encourges all of us to recognize the unending work of the Spirit in our lives.

Through the church we are strengthened by the process of discovery in becoming better and more responsible followers of Jesus Christ.

As a religiously oriented group, DIGNITY wants to continue striving for our goals through moral growth and ethical development. With acceptance of our life, no longer do we allow the guilty feelings, anxiety, and inadequacies handed down to us to be the major factors of our lives.

DIGNITY is:

. A seeking of greater self-knowledge and wisdom.
. An affermation of one's sexual orientation in faith.
. Personal ministry

DIGNITY provides:

. Celebration of the Mass as an community.
. Fellowship within our community groups.
. Chaplains available for couseling.
. Meetings with study of scripture, speakers from other community groups, dialogues and friends gathering.

DIGNITY social involvements:

. Supportive of many gay/lesbians groups and events.
. Camping, hiking, potlucks and dinners.
. Trips to other cities for social events.

Being able to share love with others is GOD'S greatest gift. This gift begins with having dignity within oneself.

We would be honored and grateful for you to share with us your quality and values of life.

With your presence, we will be touched with DIGNITY.

DIGNITY in Colorado Springs
Barb and Cher
593-9606

ELECTIONS

What's going on?? Last month you told us elections were in Sept* ember! Elections are always in September. Well, pretty soon Block Party was over, followed a few days later by the Sept. board meeting which in part stirred up some contraversy. One thing lead to another and before we knew it everyone was talking to everyone else and a few more people were interested in running for an office. I don't think it was out of bordom, maybe they saw a desire to take a larger share in the direction of PPGCC.

Finally when Sept. 30th came along, we had time to meet with all concerned in running for positions and requested letters of intent and set the actual date of voting to be on Saturday Oct. 25yh at an Open House at the center from noon til 6 p.m. Ballots will be polled at 5 p.m.

Please bring your Ballots to the Center that day- 3021 N. Hancock (1 block north of fillmore, in the Northside Prof. Bldg.) Room #030. If your not going to be available that day please have your Ballots in the mail by October 22nd.

In case you haven't noticed!! There are two positions with no candidates running. How does this happen you may ask??
Early this summer we had two Board Members resign and one other shortly after that. This left a few people doing alot of work.
If all offices are filled there isn't a lot of work for each person. Some people suffer from burnout, some find their find is being committed in other directions.

The office of secratery would only take maybe 6 hours a month. Speakers Bureau certainly needs the right person who'd like to challenge public speaking. If either of these might be your game, come see us on election day. If no one is elected a person will be appointed at our November 18th meeting.

REMEMBER... General Membership Board Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7pm- Center office. Whether you can help out or just be involved and share your ideas or voice your opinion and vote on general business, it's important to us. We need you and want you involved.

cut,fold,and seal to mail for absentee ballot

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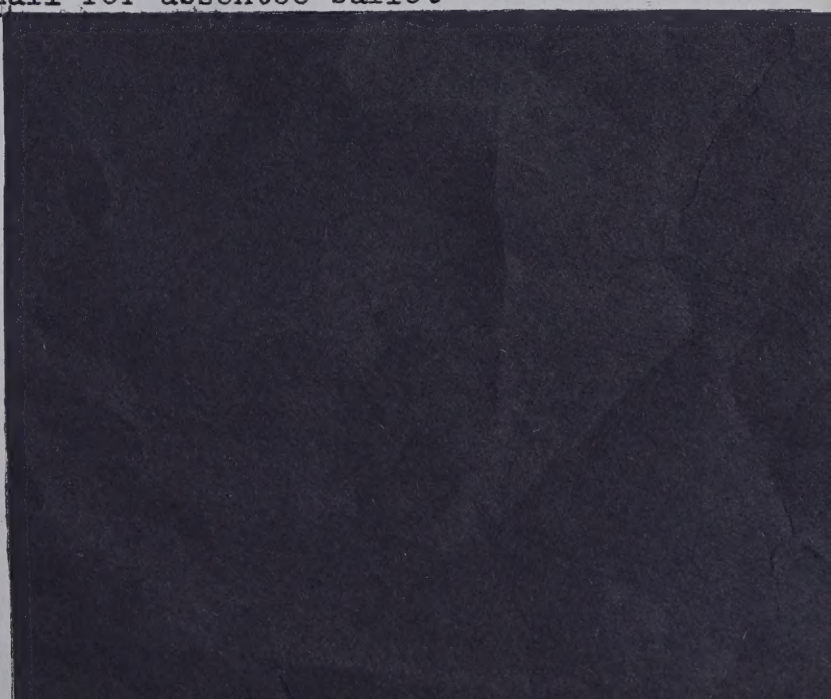
on Oct. 21st the health dept. at 501 N. Foote will be holding the 2nd organizational meeting for a colorado springs AIDS project. Meeting starts at 7pm. Let's see a big turnout from the Gay community in support of whats happening...



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AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE
IN COLORADO SPRINGS

OCTOBER

THUR. 9 — MASS SERVICE - FR. RON

SUN. 26 — IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY WITH GOD - WE WILL AS A GROUP ATTEND PIKES PEAK MCC 5:PM. SERVICE.

NOVEMBER

THUR. 6 — OPEN FORM AT THE HIDE AND SEEK COMPLEX 7:PM. LETS LEARN ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY WITH MR. JOE BRADY.

THUR. 20 — MASS SERVICE - FR. BILL

DECEMBER

THUR. 6 — OPEN FORM - GUEST SPEAKER - EMPRESS XI TRACY DIANE I.C.S.C.

THUR. 18 — CHRISTMAS SERVICE - GUEST - JUDY JARDETT BRING A POT LUCK DISH.

WED. 24 — ATTEND MIDNIGHT MASS TOGETHER

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ELECTION '86' PERSPECTIVE

Issues that affect our community by GARY LEE

The 1986 general elections will be held on tuesday,november 4th.Although the candidates for both major political parties have been selected at the august 12th primries,the future of colorado,it's agenda,and our political leadership is yet to be determined.As a rapidly growing gay and lesbian community,we are in a unique position to contribute and help direct our own future.As a diverse community,it is important that we be informed on the issues and be certain about the candidates thet will best represent our needs and interests this non-partisan quest editorial hopes to provide a better perspective of how the 1986 candidates measure up to specific issues that affect the gay and lesbian community.

These five issues were targeted for this editorial:

1) Increased funding and support for aids research.
2) Constitutional amendment to include gay and lesbian rights.
3) Comparable worth (equal pay for women/men).
4) Gays lesbians in the military.
5) Appointments to boards and commissions.

Candidates for Governor

ROY ROMER (D),state treasure
TED STRICKLAND (R) STATE SENATE PRESIDENT

CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE

TIM WIRTH (D) congressman,1st congressional district
KEN KRAMER (R) congressman,5th congressional district

CANDIDATES FOR U.S. CONGRESS 5TH DISTRICT

BILL STORY(D) BUSINESSMAN, LITTLETON,COLO.
JOEL HEFLY (r) STATE SENATOR,COLORSDO SPRINGS

1st Issue; INCREASED FUNDING FOR AIDS RESEARCH

All the candidates interviewed by phone,took a firm stand in support of increased funding to help find a cure for aids.Tim Wirth and Joel Hefly went further to stress the impotance of funding to educate the general public about aids at all levels.when asked about the amount the amount of funding they would support for this cause, their views varied.

ROY ROMER- 4to5 million/yr. state funding
TED STRICKLAND- 2 to3 million/yr. state funding
TIM WIRTH- 60 million/yr.federal funding
KEN KRAMER- 25 million/million/yr federal funding
BILL STORY- 10 million/yr fedral funding
JOEL HEFLY- 20/million/yr federal funding

2nd Issue; CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

Out of six candidates reached for this editorial,only four of them said they would support extending constitutional rights to gays and lesbians.They include Roy Romer, Tim Wirth,Bill story and Joel Hefly. Both Ken Kramer and Ted Strickland said they didnt view this issue as a priority and could not support such an amendment.They further stated that they felt that voters of colorado and the United States were not ready to accept such an amendment to the state or U.S.Constitution.The single candiddate to take the strongest position on this issue was U.S. senate candidate Tim Wirth,who said,I have always fought against sexual discrimination,and feel that it should be eliminated in all areas,and especially so,in programs that receive tax dollars.

3rd Issue; COMPRABLE WORTH ISSUE (EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN/MAN WHO DO THE SAME TYPE/AMOUNT OF WORK)

Republican candidate for governor,Ted Strickland was the only candidate who did not fully support equal pay for both men and women.While he did support equal pay in certain areas of employment,he was strongly opposed to equal pay in Highway construction,trade jobs traditionally done by men,and on police and fire forces.Strickland said he still feels that men are viewed as physically stronger,thus,they do more work and should be paid more than women.

All other candidates supported equal pay for those who do the same job.Both candidates for the 5th district congressional seat,Bill Story andJoel Hefly,went further to say that the equal pay issue is long over due,and that both would suport a strongly written bill if one were introduced in congress next year.neither candidate however,committed themselves to introducing such a congressional measure (house bill) next year,if elected this november.

4th Issue; GAYS AND LESBIANS RIGHT TO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

Admitting that this issue has always been very sensitive during election time, only two candidates supported gays and lesbians rights to serve openly in the United States armed forces.Bill Story and Tim Wirth both said that there is no proof anywhere that hetrosexuals are more loyal then homsexuals when it comes to defending our country. Bill Story added that he believes that homosexuals have experienced direct discrimination and would be quick to defend ones freedom at all levels and at any expense.

Joel Hefly had no opinion on this issue,and Ken Kramer was not approached on this issue since he has gone on public record in privious congressional elections,opposing gays and lesbians in the military and our right to travel abroad while representing the government. Both candidates for governor bowed out from addressing this issue.Claiming that this was not a state level issue and could only be determined at the federal level.

5th Issue; APPOINTMENTS OF GAY AND LESBIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPORTANT POSITIONS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY.IE; Judicial,Labor relations, Housing,Health, Social Services,and Education.

The candidate who appeared to be most open to appointing Gays and Lesbians to important positions was Roy Romer,saying "There is a need to have a broad base of representation from all sectors of the state of Colorado." Romer's apponent,Ted Strickland said,"I didn't that homosexuals wanted to openly represent their people in state government,but I assure you that if "one of you" were to for a government position, I would fairly consider him or her,as I would any other qualified applicant".All other candidates simply stated that they encouraged increased involvment from anyone interested in participating in the decision making process of local,state and federal government.

SUMARY

During an election year,candidates usually support only the issues that are popular, and often shy away from issues that are not traditional or mainstream.

As a growing gay and lesbian community in a very conservative city,it is vital that we address,confront,pressure,and openly expose to the genral public,those issues that most affect our lives and our progress.

this special quest editorial did not reflect the view points of candidates for State Representative,State Senate,State Treasure,Attorney General,University Board of Regents,or any local County level positions.Not because we don't deem them as important but only because there are so many positions up for election.We encourage you however, to become better informed about all the candidates.

If you would l ike to become informed about other issues and candidates,please feel encouraged to call or stop by local political parties at the following:

DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS	REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS
2525 Sirport road	1826 E.Platte ave.
473-8713	578-0022

LAMM,PINA proclaim october as aids awareness month
BY GARY LEE

Colorado governor Richard Lamm and denver mayor Federico Pena have jointly issued special proclamations declaring October as aids awareness month.

The two Democratic leaders,at a news conference in Denver on September 29, said this proclamation was an effort to better educate the general public about the nature of the deadly disease.

Julian rush,executive director of the colorado aids project,noted that since 1982,252 colorado citizens have been stricken with aids,and 168 have died of the deadly disease.Nationally,Rush said,there have been 24,000 individuals infected by the aids virus,and there have been over 13,000 deaths.

This recent aids awareness proclamation,is just another of many efforts by Denver mayor Federico Pena to lend his support and influence,towards the gay and lesbian communities of colorado.

GAY INFLUENCE GROWING IN COLORADO SPRINGS
BY GARY LEE

There is no question that the gay and lesbian community of colorado springs is growing at a very rapid rate.in this metropolitan area of over 350,000 residents.If one were to go by the conservative 1970 U.S.census figures of 10% gay population,That would put our ranks at over 35,000 locally.

I know that it seems almost hard to beleive that there are that many of us here,but keep in mind that we are basing these figures on estimates declared by the fedral government over 16 years ago.The following data,again based on conservative projections,reveal that we can boast for over 45 businesses(owned and or operated),at least a dozen attorneys,one half dozen doctors,many more engineers,administrators,teachers,real estate agents,and military officers.No were not all hair dressers and waiters like the hetrosexual community would like to have us beleive.and this is not saying anything against those professions only setting the record stright(so to speak) on the real facts.

One area,however,that we have yet to demonstrate our influence and make our large numbers work in our favor,is in the political arena.

We have no gays or lesbians elected to any public office.We have no gay political organization to represent our interests.

Preious election results reveal that it only takes 6,000 votes to get elected to the colorado springs city council;2,000 votes to get elected to the district 11 school board; and 3 to 4,000 votes to get elected to the state house of representatives.surprized? GOOD! Because we need to realize that working together collectively,We could begin creating change in the pikes peak region.

first we need to register to vote,thenwe need to communicate,next identify strong candidates,establish our political platform,and go for the gusto by getting out the vote!

Yes,my friends,we do have influence,we just have to learn how to use it in colorado springs.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

The El Paso County Elections Department is looking for individuals to work as election Judges on tuesday November 4,1986,for the genral election.This is not a volunteer position the elcetion Department pays it's judges $60.00 for their one day effort.The only requirements are,that you be registered to vote (either party),available to work duringe polling hours 7am-7pm,and that you attend a one hour class to prepare you for the important role of an election judge.

Working at the voting poles on election day is fun,it's a good experience,looks goood on a job resume,can earn you an extra $60.00 ,and goes along way in showing representattion of the Gay and Lesbian community in a civic capacity,and allows us the oportunity to bee more visable in a positive and progressive way.

If you are interested in being an election judge on November4th,you can call the ElPaso county elections Department at 520-6225,or go to Centennial Hall,200 s.Cascade aave between 8:30am-5pm,monday -friday,and sign up in person.If your not registered to vote,, have until October 10th to do so.

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Director: Edouard Molinaro
Cast: Francis Veber, Edouard Molinara, Marcello Danon

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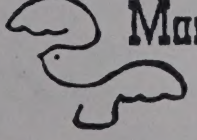

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3021 N. Hancock
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"Jesus is Lord"

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OCTOBER 25th 1986

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